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Minnesota Health Finance and Policy Committee Representative Tina Liebling Josh.Sande@house.mn.gov

Dear Representative Liebling and Members of the House Health Finance and Policy Committee:

On behalf of the Minnesota chapter of the American College of Physicians, we respectfully encourage you to support and vote in favor of specific sections in the omnibus Health and Human Services omnibus bill **HF2930.** The Minnesota chapter of the American College of Physicians (MN-ACP) represents nearly 2500 internal medicine physicians and internal medicine trainees that take care of adult patients in clinics/hospitals throughout the state. The following provisions of the bill support improving the health, healthcare access and increasing health equity for Minnesota residents.

- Audio-only telehealth extension (Art. 1, Sec. 2) pg.4
- MA Coverage of tobacco and nicotine cessation services (Art. 1, Sec. 20) pg. 27
- MA Coverage of Recuperative Care Services (Art. 1, Sec. 21) pg. 29
- Buy-in health insurance/public option (Art. 2, Sec.25) pg.79
- All Payer Claims Database (APCD) changes for increased transparency (Art. 3, Sec. 31, 32) pg. 113
- Comprehensive Drug Overdose and Morbidity prevention (Art. 3, Sec. 39) pg.119
- Loan forgiveness program (Art. 3, Sec. 53) pg. 139
- Rural residency training program (Art. 3, Sec. 55) pg.145
- Workplace safety grants (Art. 3, Sec. 200) pg. 284
- Public Health substance use referral/treatment (Art. 12, Sec. 6) pg. 470

As physicians, we see first-hand the impact of disparities in health care coverage and access on our patients and their families. These provisions of HF2930 will help improve public health, reduce and prevent health disparities and increase access to substance use services, referral and treatment. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact Minnesota.ACP@gmail.com if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely yours,

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